

MINUTES OF ANIMAL CONTROL TASK FORCE MEETING--- September 28, 2009 HARPSWELL TOWN HALL

The fourth meeting of the Animal Control Task Force was called to order by Chair Sue Luce at 4:10 pm. Members present were Lee Johnson and Sue Luce.

Because of the absence of members Don Miskill, Bob Small, and Doug Johnson, the regular business was postponed. Instead Sue and Lee met with Town Administrator Kristi Eiane and Deputy Town Administrator Terri Sawyer to discuss the progress and needs of the Task Force. We talked about possible "Leash Only" hours and about the possibility of having waste dispensers for the doggy disposal bags supplied at Mitchell Field. We also talked about the viability of having pick up once a week for these dispensers.

We shared our questionnaire with Kristi and Terri and discussed the feasibility of sending it to townspeople with a mailing. Kristi said we were too late to make the scheduled mailing, but we could have it on the web site. Terri was very helpful with ideas how to set it up so that it would grab attention. Sue will get "hard" copies printed and set up a display in the vestibule so that people without the net could take part in the survey.

Sue showed Kristi and Terri the rules from other areas in surrounding towns. Kristi liked the plan in Yarmouth and at the Eastern Promenade in Portland--off leash hours in the morning and late afternoon and on leash at other times. Restrictions applied only to spring through fall in both cases. She noted that any change to the Town Ordinance of "under voice control..." would have to be voted on at Town Meeting. She thought we might try out some new restrictions for a trial period. We thanked both of them for their graciousness in meeting with us--especially on such short notice.

The meeting adjourned at 5pm. Next meeting will be Oct. 19th at 4pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Luce